

# Cyprus

## Advising Center Network

A full range of services is offered by the EducationUSA Advising Center of the Fulbright Commission and its branch office in Nicosia. Special program activities include US University Information Sessions, which are conducted on a weekly basis and cover topics related to all aspects of US study opportunities. EducationUSA advisers provide verification of educational credentials as well. The Center serves all Turkish and Greek Cypriot students.

## Recent Trends: US Study ▼ -21.1%

- ▶ There has been a decline in student enrollments due to Cyprus' accession to the EU in May 2004. Cypriot students now have a number of low cost options in Europe.
- ▶ Several of the largest private colleges have been upgraded to universities resulting in more accredited programs available in Cyprus. The local institutions have also increased the number of graduate programs, and many Cypriots prefer to study locally.
- ▶ Fields of study most inquired: business, economics, and engineering.
- ▶ Common sports among student-athletes: tennis, basketball, and swimming.

## Resource Links

Cyprus Fulbright Commission: [www.fulbright.org.cy](http://www.fulbright.org.cy)

Cyprus Ministry of Education: [www.moec.gov.cy](http://www.moec.gov.cy)

## Education System Overview

	Secondary Education	Higher Education (Bachelor's Degree)
Language of instruction:	Greek or Turkish; English at most private high schools	Greek, Turkish or English
Years of study required:	6 years and 7 years at most private high schools	4 years
Grading system & US equivalent:	Out of 20 (Greek Cypriot community) Out of 10 (Turkish Cypriot community)	Varies, at the University of Cyprus, it is out of 10. All universities in the Turkish Cypriot community use the American grading system (A-F out of 4.0)
Scholarship for US studies:	Some private institutions	\$25,000/year for 4 years for undergraduates and \$25,000/year for 2 years for graduates

## Upcoming Events 2008-2009

- ▶ The Cyprus Fulbright Commission (CFC) will participate in the 2008 International Education Fair in Nicosia organized by the Cyprus State Fairs Authority from February 28-March 2, 2008.
- ▶ October 6, 2008: The CFC Annual US University Fair will be held at the J.W. Fulbright Center in Nicosia. Contact Fulbright for information on participation.
- ▶ The annual Workshop for High School Counselors takes place during International Education Week in November and includes a presentation by a US guest speaker (Admissions Officer or Director of International Admissions). For outreach opportunities, contact Fulbright.

## Partnering with EducationUSA Cyprus

The Fulbright Commission Advising Center provides assistance to US college and university representatives in their student recruitment efforts and other activities during their visits to Cyprus and offers the J.W. Fulbright Center as a venue for various events such as group information sessions. Whether to join a webchat or student fair, reach out to Cyprus in 2008/09.

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## Program Highlights 2007

### Annual US University Fair

The Cyprus Fulbright Commission held its 10th Annual US University Fair on October 9 at the J.W. Fulbright Center in Nicosia. US Admissions Officers and local alumni representing 25 institutions offered first hand information about their schools. Four hundred prospective undergraduate and graduate students attended the fair, representing both communities. Fulbright EducationUSA advisers offered free mini information sessions.



### Transatlantic Dialogue: Live Webchat Forum

During International Education Week, US international educators were invited to engage in a live webchat with EducationUSA advisers in Cyprus. Participants included university representatives from Penn State, Michigan State, University of Evansville, University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, Clarion University, International English Institute, North Texas, and Mount Holyoke. Contact us to plan a virtual outreach effort in 2008/09.

### Key EducationUSA Partners

The Cyprus Fulbright Commission works in conjunction with local educational partners and other authorities on all programs.

Country Statistics	2006	2007
Number of students in the US:	1,111	877
Total number of center inquiries:	6,072	6,587